

**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT****PCT Declaration and Power of Attorney (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))****PCT Application - United States Designated Office**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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described and claimed in International Application number PCT/JP2005/000780 filed 21/1/2005  
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I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including claims.

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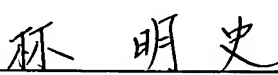

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COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	Patent 2004-016282	23/1/2004	yes <u>X</u> no _____
Japan	Patent 2004-016314	23/1/2004	yes <u>X</u> no _____
Japan	Patent 2004-018497	27/1/2004	yes <u>X</u> no _____
Japan	Patent 2004-273917	21/9/2004	yes <u>X</u> no _____

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